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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been examined on their merits.

The Patent Office objects to claims 3 and 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant thanks the Patent Office for indicating that claims 3 and 8 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. However, instead of rewriting claims 3 and 8 in independent form, Applicant respectfully traverses the prior art rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1-12 are all the claims presently pending in the application.